

Too Little Interest Shown!

The start of the "100 Years Ago" theme has not been of an "auspicious" nature. Only some 15 historically-minded Gladstonians put their "two bucks" on the line to receive this issue, and any others that may follow. All well and good - "The public has spoken," it's now up to us to bow out with good grace. However, before we do we'll finish off this issue, and prepare ore more. By that time there may be another 35 "history buffs" show up.

Our own interest is "deep" and of the "abiding" nature. We intend to continue to pursue our search for historical facts of our town - a bit of a hobby that started over 50 years ago. With still a "little time" left, and now with ALL the old "Ages" to refer to - something that even in our wildest dreams we never expected to have - we hope to "carry on" for a while longer. Proof sheets only will be sent to all interested readers expressing a desire for same, but pictures will be dispensed with. In that way what history we can dig up will have a chance of some preservation.

Now, about this issue! Especially the pictures! There is one for 30 years ago; one for 50 yrs. ago; two for 70 years ago; and one for 95 yrs. ago; and one even for 112 yrs. ago. A good assortment, but one or two are of experimental nature and may not print up too good. The extensive write-ups to some of the real "oldies", may not interest ALL readers, but to some few should be of some value, if not of entertainment. We try to be as factual as possible - as is to be seen by a correction or two.

Along this line, some of the alert readers may question the old picture in last issue and the one herewith as being taken in 1889. We do show some proof, but also open up some doubt. For instance, the Magnus Wilson blacksmith shop, which WAS erected in the summer of '89, and the livery barn near it (as suggested last issue) do not appear in the picture this week, and regardless of the oblique angle chosen by the photographer, one of them should appear. Maybe that's what makes historical research so exciting, & frustrating.

At least one small error has been spotted, but of less consequential nature; that of James Newcombe being the renter of the Wilson House in 1888. Mr. Newcombe indeed was a tenant of that hotel for some 6 months, but it was in 1886 shortly after W. S. Bailey acquired it.

The Moodie Years — 1884 to 1890



Peter Moodie, B.A.
(1838 - 1926)

GLADSTONE

100 Years Ago

February

1884



Grandmothers Feted by the Women's Institute — 1951

(BACK ROW): Mrs. Hattie Roe; Mrs. Peter McBride; Mrs. Chas. Wickstead; Mrs. J. B. Reid; Mrs. Geo. Porter; Mrs. Cliff Buchanan; Mrs. Garnet Mayers; Mrs. Albert Lackey; Mrs. Henry Otto; Mrs. Dezall; Mrs. Serle Stewart; Mrs. Wm. Fleck. (SECOND ROW): Mrs. Dukquits; Mrs. Henry McIvor; Mrs. J. Hindson; Mrs. J. Wilson; Mrs. Cliff McCrae; Mrs. Fred Jarvis; Mrs. Jas. Walker; Mrs. Alec McCaskill; Mrs. Thos. George; Mrs. John Mustard; Mrs. Schappert; Mrs. D. P. McCaskill; Mrs. Wm. Morton; Mrs. Fred Poersch; Mrs. Carr-Lawton; Mrs. Jas. McBride. (FRONT): Mrs. D. Smith; Mrs. James Adamson; Mrs. Wild; Mrs. Wm. Chandler; Mrs. E. Cathcart; Mrs. Shackelford; Mrs. Albert Clayton; Mrs. Henry Porter; Mrs. C. Cook.

SAT., FEB. 2nd, 1884:

Neepawa wants a daily mail and lots of other things. Having obtained a newspaper all the rest are sure to follow.

We suppose we may call the sleigh ride to Golden Stream a dear one, if for no other reason, because there were so many dears on board.

Mr. Robert Ferguson left by yesterday's train for Morris to resume his old profession as a teacher. We trust it will be as much to his pecuniary advantage as it undoubtedly will to the intellectual growth of his pupils, judging from his past excellent teaching record.

Our old pioneer settler, Mr. Geo. Meist, of Pembina, has been paying Gladstone a business visit this week.

Mrs. McLeod, daughter of Mr. A. McDonald, arrived back from Oregon by Wed. night's train. Her return, and recent ones, makes it evident that there is no place like home.

Born: At Wolseley, on the 21st inst., the wife of John Gillespie, of twins, a son and a daughter.

The initial number of the Neepawa "Canadian," a new journalistic venture, reached us this week. The start argues no small amount of courage in these despondent times, and we hope that Mr. Brandergeest, the proprietor, will be as successful as he is brave-hearted. Whatever other advantages Neepawa may lack, and we don't see that it lacks any of the usual kind common to small towns, the backbone one of being the seat and centre of a splendid agricultural country is richly its, and that ought to go a great way to keep a well-conducted journal on its legs. We wish our nearest newspaper neighbor every success.

In conformity with a resolution passed at the last sitting of the Municipal Council of Westbourne, Coun. West hereby requests the ratepayers of Blake, Ward 4, to meet with him at 7 o'clock, Thurs., evening, the 7th Feb., at Blake schoolhouse to talk over matters in connection with the proposed by-law for raising \$10,000 by debentures. Let everyone turn out that can, that he may get all the information needed to vote in a way that will cause no reflections on himself or anybody else.

Henry Ward Beecher gave Manitoba's wheat-growing capabilities a great send-off lately at Brooklyn.

The officials of the M. & N. W. rly. moved into their new offices at the station on Wednesday.

The Hudson's Bay route scheme has been endorsed by the committee of farmers at Grand Forks, which will greatly strengthen the hands of the projectors of the road.

The Marquette Review and the Portage Tribune have amalgamated. C. Cliffe(?), formerly the Tribune proprietor is talking of opening out again in his old stand it is said. (This item is of considerable interest, but does little to clear up the confusion in our mind regarding this publication. Did it really exist as a paper, or was it a sort of fabrication of the Hon. C. P. Brown? The early map of the town as shown on page 2, Chapter 2 of the "Glory Years" shows the "Office of the Marquette Review" to occupy the corner lot west of the presently vacant former municipal bldg. Also, in the later 1880's Editor Moodie complains that Mr. Brown uses the Review for govt. advertising instead of the Gladstone Age. A bit confusing but perhaps a closer look thro' the old papers will yet reveal the facts of the matter)).

Mr. Sutherland, inspector for the Hamilton Provident & Loan Society, was back from the west Sat. night. He has been busy all week attending to his duties in our immediate neighborhood.

The choir of the Methodist church will give a concert at Richmond on Wed. evening, Feb. 6th, in aid of the organ fund.

Monday afternoon in Andrews' Hall, before Messrs. McGregor & Cory, J.P.s, Mr. Donald McCaskill (McCaskill) was charged by Mr. D. J. McQueen with assault. It appeared that Mr. McCaskill had imbibed rather freely on Sat. afternoon & thereafter had forgotten himself rather far in presence of a lady. On being called to account for it, all the pugnacity for which he is pretty well known came to the front, hence the action. The charge was found proven, and a fine of \$5 and costs inflicted. He was bound over to keep the peace for three months at Mr. McQueen's request. Tuesday afternoon a counter-charge was entered by Mr. McCaskill against some of the parties figuring in Monday's case before Mr. McGregor, who, on a doctor's certi-

ficate being handed in that one of the witnesses subpoenaed was not able to appear, the case was adjourned till 1st May; long before which it is to be hoped the apparently very small differences between the parties will have been amicably settled (It is of interest to know that this little episode was sort of a family affair, Mr. McQueen and Mr. McCaskill being married to sisters; Shaw girls)).

The first of the 2 new engines for the M. & N. W. rly. reached Portage. It is a coal-burner, & 14 carloads of coal to furnish the motive power have reached Portage headquarters. We hear that a large platform is to be erected next week at Gladstone station to accommodate a few carloads of coal for its consumption on our part of the road.

Mr. Baker, general superintendent of the M. & N. W. rly., paid Gladstone a business visit yesterday. Quite a large party, including Mrs. Baker, accompanied him on a special which arrived about noon. In the party were Messrs. Porter & Boulbee and their ladies from Portage; and Dr. & Mrs. Whiteford, of Wpg. They all appeared to relish very keenly their short sojourn in civilized life, as they were all in the best of spirits, which were mostly, we presume, their own.

(Adv.): A "Parlor" Concert, under the auspices of the choir in connection with the Church of England, will be held at the residence of Mr. J. Chambers, Wed. evening, Feb. 6th, when a programme consisting of the following choice selections will be given. All are welcome! Programme (1) Glee by the choir; (2) Pianoforte Trio, Mrs. Bennett & Misses Lockhart; (3) Solo, "The Bridge" Mrs. Poole; (4) Violin Solo, "L'Adieu," Mr. Bruce; (5) Solo, "The Lost Chord," by Mr. McLaren; (6) Reading, "The Death of Absalom," Mr. Chambers; (7) Solo, "Only," by Mrs. Hamilton; (Intermission - Refreshments). (8) Pianoforte Duet, "The Waves of the Ocean" the Misses Lockhart; (9) "The King's Champion," Mr. Bruce; (10) Reading, Dr. Keele; (11) Vocal Duet, "Over the Summer Sea," Misses Cory; (12) Song, with violin obligato, "Serenade" by Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Lockhart and Mr. Bruce; (13) Vocal Trio, "Mark the Merry Elves," by Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Poole, Mr. Bruce; (14) Anthem, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings," etc., by the choir; & "God Save the Queen." Adm., 25c refreshments extra. Tickets to be had from members of the choir.

Ugly rumors are current that the Grand Trunk rly. has offered to buy out the C.P.R. and finish their job without insisting on the monopoly clause. The rly. has had a bad eastern record, and of two evils, let us choose the least, in the shape of the C.P.R. docked of its monopoly clauses.

((Editorial)): "This \$10,000 Business": There is no use in blinking it. We are more than surprised at the half-heartedness, not to speak of the positive hostility displayed in some quarters to the scheme about to be submitted to the ratepayers for smoothing out our present financial arrears and keeping them straight thereafter. It appears to be the only feasible way out of the difficulty, and we must give the Councillors credit for having given the matter very long and careful consideration before they launched it, and certainly those who oppose it ought to be prepared with some better scheme before they vote it down. What are the facts? Through necessary expenditure incurred, much of it on account of past wet seasons, and more thro' the tender mercies of our local legislators displayed to speculators, in extending the time of sale of lands for arrears of taxes for 3 years now, we have never been able to catch up to a pay-as-we-go system, but are every year rather losing ground.

At the end of the past year, \$6,000 at 12 p.c. interest had to be borrowed to pay outstanding accounts which falls to be paid in 3 months from date, and where is the money to come from to pay it (and its nearly \$200 of interest)? If unable to pay it when due, and it is likely enough that we won't be, it is extremely doubtful that we can get a renewal; for, under the new Municipal Act, municipalities appear to have no power to issue notes. So how are we to get out of the fix?

Besides, \$2,000 of rly. money is due in May, which must be paid, and a similar amount six months afterwards; and by recent legislation, school moneys must be in the hands of various schoolboards whenever they demand it, which means about \$3,000 more in hard cash; lastly, there is about \$1,000 for Central Judicial District purposes; all, or most of which, \$14,000 must be paid before any of next year's taxes are collectable. By the auditor's report the taxes due would more than wipe out the whole amount, but when \$12,000 of the sum is on non-resident lands which can't be touched by statute for another year, that is not going to help us any this year.

A harsh, part-way out of the difficulty would be to distraint for the collection of the \$3,000 resident taxes still due, to be followed by the unwise step of imposing a double rate, & shutting down on doing necessary improvements this year, which has nothing to commend it but necessity, for times of depression should be taken advantage of as much as possible to keep going a reasonable amount of such, on account of the greater cheapness of labor, and the help it gives to tide over the dull times.

To put it in plain English, the cause, and the only one we can gather for any opposition to the reasonable scheme, arises from the fear that the money will be used otherwise than for the purpose intended. That the purpose did not get plainer statement in the by-law is thro' fault of the Act itself, which makes no provision for legalizing a by-law couched in the terms of the intention of the Councillors who had it framed. But we have the pledged word of the seven men whom we, by our suffrages, thought fit to represent us, and look after our interests at the Council board, to this effect, that their only object in submitting the scheme was for the purpose of saving money to the ratepayers by the difference between a 6 p.c. and a 12 p.c. interest, and upwards; and in an important matter like this, which speaks for economy and involves our credit, inasmuch as we can neither borrow notes or any other way, what are we to do? A due regard for our own interests ought to entitle them to be taken at their word.

LITERARY SOCIETY

Last Tues. evening was a great night at the Literary Society. Some of our crack concerts have not been able to draw as large audiences as steadily resort to it, the "extra" programme filling the hall even fuller than usual.

Miss Broadfoot led off with a piece of instrumental music, played with her usual accuracy and taste.

Mr. Routledge made his debut in a comic reading, in which a young man had to be helped over the matrimonial stile by his prospective mother-in-law.

Miss McGinnis favored the audience with a fine song rendered with all her accustomed force and finish.

The critic followed with a reading in his old vernacular.

The audience can never get enough of Mrs. Poole's playing, which shows sufficiently how her skilful manipulation of the organ keys is relished.

A new departure was next introduced - a night at Tintown's literary society. The performers - some 8 or 10 - entered so thoroughly into the sport of the thing as to create no end of amusement for the audience. Some lively intellectual tussles that took place between the two secretaries for the event were well rendered by two ladies, and their president would have been ready to add his "that's so" to this fact, that he had harder work to smooth out the differences between the pair than ours has to restrain within bounds the exuberant spirits of the more youth-

ful part of the audience. Young Schooley made a very fair Irishman, his "spache" sounding the proper brogueish. Their debate was opened by a lady who did very credably considering the sex. Of course we male bipeds must be pardoned for thinking that Isdies excel as inconsequential reasoners! and that this is the reason why, knowing their failing they prefer the field of mimic rather than debate? Her opponent, who could not have been otherwise than a msn, was well snubbed by the critic for attributing the confusion of her ideas to the recent receipt - not acceptance - of a proposal, and consequently he lost the decision. So ended this most enjoyable mimic strife, and, after the singing of an appropriate ode (?), the field was left clear for our debate, which can justly be characterized as "the debate" so far, of the season.

The question was: "The credit of a country as the basis of its banking operations in preference to a gold basis, as at present": and was ably handled by Messrs. Bailey and Claxton for the former, and Messrs. Logie & McGregor for the latter. The decision went to the first pair. After the critic's remarks the audience sang "God Save the Queen" which brought this most interesting, entertaining & instructive meeting to a close. Next Tuesday the literary changes to a Grand Temperance Night for which a specially interesting programme is being prepared.

WESTBOURNE AGRIC.

SOCIETY

The Agricultural Society met on Saturday last; present, Mr. J. M. Jamieson, Pres.; Messrs. Small, Morton, Cory, Ferguson, Rogers, Mustard and McKelvy.

Mr. Mason resigned his position as sec-treas, owing to other duties, which was received with regret; and by motion, expressed their acknowledgment of his services, and elected him an honorary member of the Society. Mr. P. St. Clair McGregor was appointed secretary.

Considerable discussion ensued as to the voluminous returns required by the Dept., and a special committee was appointed to request the govt. to amend the Act.

The directors agreed to divide the county into sections for the purpose of canvassing for subscriptions and special prizes.

((A poem of 8 verses, "In Memoriam" for Willie G. Dunning, of Richmond, who died Dec. 21, '83, at the age of 15 yrs. & 7 mos., appears in this issue)).



Some of the Gladstone Lads of the Old Town's "Glory Years"

(Back Row): Jack Robson; Roy Atkinson (Merchants Bank); Roy Lowes; Cliff Kerr; Bill Williams; (———).
 (Middle Row): Dave Mitchell (Merchants Bank); Eddie Kennedy; (———); Irvine Schooley; (———); Garnet Lobb;
 (Front): (———); Cam Broadfoot; Bud Lobb; Cliff McCrae.

(Picture kindness of Mrs. Ferne Schooley)

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SAT., FEB. 9th, 1884:

A very large and influential meeting of the citizens of Wpg. was held last Friday in the Opera House to discuss regulations bearing on the Hudson's Bay route.

Messrs. Galloway, Ferguson & McQueen made a pilgrimage yesterday to the Portage on the wood business.

Card of Thanks: Mrs. McCaskill desires to thank the ratepayers of Palestine for their kindness toward her.

Mr. Riley has been up on business connected to the Westbourne marsh. It is believed that these extensive lands may be added to swell next year's assessment roll.

The Historical Society's Art Exhibition was opened by a concert on Wed. evening. It purposes to be a great success, the object being to raise funds for the library. Rev. Jephcott's collection got individual mention in Thursday's Free Press for its great excellence. The rev. gentleman and Mr. D. Rintoul accompanied the Gladstone exhibition on Tuesday.

The following amount of business has been done by Mr. Best, grainbuyer, during the short time he has been here. He has shipped 5 carloads of wheat to McMillan & Co., Wpg.; 2 ears to Armitage & Co., Guelph, Ont., & 1 each to Ogilvie Milling Co. and McKay & Co., Ottawa. Prices he has been paying vary for sound 1 wheat from 55c to 66c, and for frozen, from 40c to 55c. He has got rid of \$2500 since he started, and is ready to get rid of as much more as the farmers please.

Mr. F. Blackmore has been appointed timber inspector for this district. All wishing permits to cut wood can receive them by applying thro' him. Had this appointment been made at the beginning, instead of so very near in the fog end of the season, much unpleasantness and loss would have been saved parties who had been trying to help out this bad year by engaging in the wood business. Better late than never, however, and it is hoped our important wood industry will go along smoothly now, without any more stoppages.

The new M. & N.W. engine No. 3 made a trial run along the line Thursday. It is a massive piece

of machinery, weighing 40 tons when empty, and can stow away a big bin of coal in its capacious tender, besides having a water-carrying capacity of 10 tons. It is from Kingston Locomotive Works, and is a credit to them as well as to the Co. that now owns it. If, having made a first-class roadbed and equipped it with first-class rolling stock, gives the Co. any claim on the country they travel through, then they deserve all the encouragement our part of the country can furnish them. While trying the engine's own power, the run will test pretty accurately the strength of all the wooden structures along the line. Success to the enterprising M. & N.W. rly., as their prosperity is closely interwoven with our own!

GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

The Council met Wed. evening in the Council Chambers. Present, all members; the mayor in the chair.

Communications: From Kildonan Mun. asking for joint action in petitioning the Legislature for permission to sell lands for arrears of taxes one year after being due. — From Sheriff Setter giving reasons as to how he is withholding monies, the proceeds of John Small's sale. — From the Att.-General's Dept. stating that the provincial Liquor Act is in force until May. — From W. R. Baker asking for a list of the lands assessed to the M. & N.W. rly., with amount of taxes against same. — From M. Davis offering to pay taxes with lumber at a considerable sacrifice.

Accounts: D. Budge, expenses to Portage, \$6; W. Davis, lumber, \$19.81; J. Andrews, 3 mos. rent, \$—; auditors' fees, \$25.

Motions: Logie & Davidson, that Auditors' Report be accepted; Carried. — Galloway & McKelvy, that auditors be paid \$12 for their services; Carried. — McKelvy & Galloway, that Clerk be instructed to enforce payment of taxes; Carried. — Andrews & Galloway that Claxton, Logie & Ferguson be a Committee to take all necessary steps re the legalizing debentures; Carried. — Galloway & McKelvy, that Joseph Martin be instructed to look after the town's interest re Small estate; to ascertain rights, etc. — Andrews & McKelvy, that Davis' offer be laid over until next meeting.

((Editorial)) "Discretion": Since the feeling is decidedly hostile to the proposed by-law - very nearly universally over the whole county - the best thing for the Reeve to do is to call a special meeting and withdraw it in the meantime, for that it will be defeated in its present shape is a foregone conclusion; and there is no need of creating unnecessary expense. While most of the ratepayers sympathize with the reasons that called it into existence, the desire to save money for any other than the purpose intended, is a fatal flaw. From the town's experience with their last \$5,000 debentures, there appears to be no possibility of getting them legalized if the actual reason isn't stated plainly in the by-law; and resorting to a subterfuge, in order to do so, appears to cause ratepayers to put more faith in the word of the Councillors than they are inclined to do.

We shall have to get out of the financial fix we are in, in some other way than this. The fact that we have at the moment \$12,000 owing us, one cent of which (thanks to the careful consideration of speculators' interests by the local govt.) we can't touch, appears to be almost barbarous, and inclines us to the belief that they are interested parties in originating and keeping going such a hurtful state of matters.

The agitation that is started, to have non-residents' lands sold every year for taxes, is a matter of simple justice to the settlers, whose interests ought to be as much looked after as speculators, and if successfully carried thro' will aid us.

Meanwhile every avenue of expenditure must be carefully guarded; one not very pleasant thing about it being that school expenditures may require to be curtailed, for we are informed that \$4,000 of the \$6,000 borrowed, went to pay school monies. It is too bad if the mental growth of the young in our midst should be stunted thro' the rashness hitherto of those who ought to know better.

GLADSTONE LITERARY SOCIETY

The Temperance Program of the Literary Society last Tues. night was very fairly carried out. Rev. Mr. Allen opened with a most effective temperance reading, followed by Mr. Turner, who gave in first-rate style a good song. On being enthusiastically encored he responded with a second. Mrs. Reece(?) then gave a temperance reading for which she received merited applause. The trial of one Dick Alcohol was next proceeded with, all the paraphernalia of a Court of Justice being brought into requisition to prove him a delusion and a snare. The Court

found him a most petulant fellow, and he got his just desserts accordingly.

A new departure in our Society was next tried with considerable success for a start, viz., that of impromptu speaking; the speaker never seeing the subject till he went to the platform to receive it. Mr. Bailey is worthy of honorable mention for the manner in which he acquitted himself in a first attempt.

Some very good temperance speeches were thereafter delivered by Rev. Messrs. Stalker and Allen, and others.

The president intimated at the beginning of the evening that he had received a challenge from Portage Literary Society for a friendly debate, and the matter was brought up at this stage for discussion, the proposition being very agreeably entertained by all members present. The president was instructed to write down an acceptance of the challenge, and a committee of four, Rev. Mr. Allen and Stalker, and Messrs. Claxton and Best were appointed to draw up a list of suitable subjects for a debate, and have it ready by next Tues. evening. The meeting then adjourned after the singing of "God Save the Queen".

The following is the program for next Tuesday evening:
—Instrumental music by Miss Broadfoot.
—Song, by Mr. L. Dunning.
—Reading, by Miss Stalker.
—Solo, by Mrs. Allen.
—Reading, by Dr. Ferrier.
—Oration, by Mr. W. Martin.
—Debate: "Resolved that Canada is preferable to the United States as a place for settlement." Affirmative to be taken by Messrs. Stalker & Moodie; Negative, by Mr. Herron & Mr. Bailey.
—Critic's Report.
—"God Save the Queen."
—Collection to be taken up.

WESTBOURNE: Mr. Newcombe has been re-engaged as teacher at a salary of \$300.

BLAKE: A largely attended meeting was held in Blake schoolhouse on Thursday to consider the debenture by-law. ((Among the speakers were Coun. West, Coun. McKenzie, ex-Warden Logie, and Peter St. Clair McGregor; also Messrs. Hockins, Duncan, McAdam & Turnbull, all against the bylaw, which was unanimously condemned)). A motion by R. Turnbull and John Hockins to have Council withdraw the by-law was carried unanimously; also a motion by P. St. Clair McGregor & Mr. Duncan that Council petition the Legislature to pass an Act enabling the Municipality to sell non-resident lands two years in arrears next July.

SCHOOL MEETING

The annual meeting of Gladstone School district was held on Monday in Andrews' Hall, and afterwards was adjourned to the schoolhouse. The attendance was not large. Mr. Peter Ferguson was called to the chair, and Mr. Best appointed secretary.

The first business taken up was the report of the auditors, Messrs. McGregor & Logie, who stated that, on account of the absence of the late sec.-treas., they had been unable to satisfactorily audit the books. On the motion of Messrs. Logie & Budge a week's extension of time was given them, and they were to have ready a report, Monday, in time for the adjourned School Meeting to be held that day in the schoolhouse. Mr. McGillvray to be notified if his presence was necessary, and due notice of the meeting to be given by the sec.-treas. by posting up three notices calling it, which was carried.

On motion of Messrs Rintoul & McQueen the meeting proceeded to elect 3 new trustees; Mr. Small was elected for 3 yrs., Mr. McQueen for 2; and Mr. Logie for one year.

The new board of school trustees met immediately thereafter when Mr. Small was appointed chairman, and Mr. Logie, treas. Mr. Best was confirmed in his appointment of Secretary to the Board at a salary of \$40.

RICHMOND: We had a flying visit from R. Galloway the other day. Wonder what he was after? Stay home, old fellow! Another from Mr. Peter McGregor and Mr. Sutherland. They went to Grassy River. It appears as if the people of Gladstone like to visit the north part of the county. — The annual school meeting passed off very quietly; Mr. McKenzie was called to the chair. Messrs. Jas. Anderson and W. Lindsay were candidates for trustee, Mr. Anderson being returned by 5 of a majority. This is Jim's second term as trustee for Jordan School district. He has also been the sec.-treas. ever since the district was formed. Who says that the bachelors do not take an interest in school matters? — Mr. Lambourne was home on a visit from Wpg. He has been promoted to foreman in the Free Press news room, Wpg. We are glad to hear of Mr. Lambourne getting along so well. — Mr. Stalker preached an eloquent sermon in the schoolhouse last Sunday evening. He also preached in Tupper schoolhouse Monday evening. Too much praise cannot be given Rev. Mr. Stalker for the way in which he keeps his appointments. — Mr. Cartwright handed over the deed of an acre of land to the trustees of Jordan School district, given by him four years ago. He deserves great praise for the way he has acted toward the school. (Richmond, Feb. 6th) Subscriber.

TO THE EDITOR, OF THE GLADSTONE AGE.

Sir: It came before me in your last week's paper in some very highfalutin language that I assaulted one D. J. McQueen in presence of a lady. I don't say but what I was the worse of drink, but I claim that D. J. McQueen assaulted me by taking me to his house in that condition and trying in his sly sneaking way to make me give some claim on a pony that they could call the pony their own, but not succeeding in doing so, he then raised the quarrel with me; and D. J. McQueen did not know better than having me before the J. P. to screen himself, but it has not done so. It is bursting out what he is, and showing his ignorance in taking such a case to light, especially when it happened at his own store, and picking out of me till it ended in such a disgraceful way. One thing I can say for sure, that I never had been taken up for anything I did or said until I came in McQueen's company. You could not expect to come out of the pot but the steam that was in it. I don't doubt that there is more to drudge out of him yet. If I had used him so when he came to my house drunk the night before he got married he might still be hunting for a lady yet.

DONALD McCASKILL.



R. T. RILEY

((The "Mr. Riley" referred to on this page is R. T. Riley, representative of Sanford Co., Hamilton, who had the big dredging contract in Westbourne. While Editor Moodie expressed frequently and vehemently his displeasure at the terms of the contract (one section to Sanford for every two sections drained); also their tardiness in pushing the work; it is doubtful if Mr. Riley ever felt his wrath in a personal manner. After his death in 1944 at the age of 93 the Free Press extolled him as a man of many virtues, his outstanding business accomplishments in Winnipeg extending all down the yrs., since 1881, when he first came west)).



JOS. HACK
Up-to-Date Hairdresser

GEO. VICKERS
Jeweller

J. J. LEAMEN
Baker and Confectioner

GLADSTONE
JEWEL COMPANY

Three of the Four Buildings destroyed by Fire in 1932

A little over half a century ago Gladstone suffered three most disastrous fires, all in the space of 4½ years, and all in one block. Of some twelve business places between Sask. Ave. and the bridge, nine were consumed by flames in this brief period. (Not much wonder the town had a rather dismal, forlorn look as it entered the Dirty Thirties). The three buildings consumed in the first of these conflagrations (1928) are shown in a picture elsewhere in this issue; the two in the second big fire (1930) were the big, 3-storey Alhambra Hotel and the large garage of Peter Williams. Two years later four more buildings went up in smoke, leaving only the small office of Dr. N. V. James standing (& still there), on the east side of Morris. (The long Livery Barn, on the river bank, had been consumed by flames in late 1923).

The above picture is from the 1906 album put out by the proud and ambitious Board of Trade of Editor Minaker's day. It shows three of the four buildings that fell to the fire demon in 1932. The fourth was the old Andrews Drug Store (later Conner's), but at the time of the fire the small store of a new-comer, J. Pollock. This fire occurred in February. The young man immediately set up shop again, this time in the Bickle building, and in June it was saved from a 4 a.m. fire by an alarm sent in from a passing freight train. Rightly or wrongly the young man was under suspicion, and prudently left town.

Readers of the "Glory Years" will recognize the scene above as the near victim of the Oct. 1909 fire scare that had Editor Minaker screaming for better protection. Twelve years later, in 1921, the town finally purchased a small machine, and though it was present for all "four" fires it could do little once the flames got a good start on the old tinder-dry, frame buildings. — It should also be pointed out that the above picture shows the location of the first "telephone exchange." It was in that portion of the building occupied by Vickers Jewellery, who had the contract from the town to operate same. (This same building is "famous" also for the fact it was the location for Ye Olde Editor's 1st game of pool ('28); Alan Collins, opponent; Charlie Eccles, scorer).

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SAT., FEB. 16th, 1884:

A ball took the place of the fortnight quadrille in Andrews' Hall last night, and was largely attended.

"W.M." McGregor & "P.W.M." Morton went east this week to represent the Gladstone Masonic Lodge at the Grand Lodge which met in Winnipeg.

A few blank requisitions have been left by the timber inspector, W. R. McLellan, in charge of Mr. Small, from whom any parties entitled to the privilege of cutting wood can have one to fill up and send down to the Dept.

A mass meeting of ratepayers will be held in Andrews' Hall Wed. next at 3 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the propriety of withdrawing the by-law. A full attendance of the members of Council is requested.

St. Valentine's Day was provocative of quite a ripple of enjoyment. Besides the reciprocating help it afforded to the heavily "laden breasts" of the badly smitten, no end of fun was created by the overall discharge of the incongruously funny missives "the short and long of it" being that many a good laugh was indulged in by those who are more inclined these days to laugh "t'other sides of their mouths".

We were made happy yesterday by the receipt of our photograph, viz., our valentine.

((Peter Moodie was such an expressive writer that he could "paint" a clear picture in a few words of a most obscure matter, and with equal ease play gently with the more obvious, and with a tongue-in-cheek attitude tantalize the reader into wondering what he is hiding. In the above it is fairly obvious (or is it?) that "the short and long of it" is about his brother John (short) & himself (tall), a drawing perhaps greatly outsized, and with sad, doleful looks. And he enjoyed being part of the fun, even though knowing the scnder may have sent it with some malice. Quite a guy, we think, & worthy of better remembrance)).

Grain has been coming in pretty lively all week. Mr. Best's quotations for sound grain are from 60c to 65c for No. 1, and from 40c to 55c for frozen.

Some of our bachelors are desirous of leaping a year, as they consider this one too dangerous.

It disturbs their equilibrium so much, you know. ((He probably has the popular Jack McLaren in mind; his Nemesis in the local newspaper field as one of the 3 principals in publishing the opposition paper called, "The Bug", well named, too, because its existence was solely to "bug" the Liberal-minded Moodies. And the "equilibrium" would be a gentle reference to Jolly Jack's "joie de vivre" & convivial good nature)).

NOTICE: The adjourned annual School Meeting of Gladstone district will be held in the school-house Mon., the 18th inst, at 6 p.m. Business: to receive the Attorney-General's opinion re the school trustee difficulty, and to discuss the question of providing additional school accommodation. —E. E. Best, sec.-treas.

Married: Jan. 17th in Ireland, Wm. Stuart, C.E., resident engineer, of the Manitoba & North-Western railway in Manitoba, to Barbara Frances, daughter of Lieut.-Col. G. Harvey, Island No. 1, late of the Madras Army.

((Editorial)): "Helpful Legislation": The whole difficulty whereby there is every likelihood now that our County is to be subjected to the expense of having a by-law drafted, only to be submitted, if it is so to be defeated, arises from the fact that our legislators are more careful of the interests of the speculators than of the actual settlers who make the County what it is. From a perusal of the Reeve's letter it will be seen that the Council, in acting upon Solomon's dictum, "of that which has been, is the thing which shall be" - did not take into account the true inwardness of our lawmakers' desires in discriminating, whenever they get the chance, in favor of the speculators and against the actual settler. Had they done so they would have still to the good all the unneeded (up till now) special railway fund, which they have been collecting for the last 2 years, which would have gone a great way to help the Municipality out of the financial fix it finds itself in at present. None need blame them if they spent that amount wisely when they knew they had some thousands of dollars of uncollected taxes to fall back upon this March, as they should have had. But in the face of their unrealized expectations it is pertinent to remark, that it is almost an impossibility, in a new country like ours, to go ahead too slowly.

The temper of all the western end of the County is decidedly

averse to passing the by-law in its present shape. In Blake last week, & in Richmond this, there were large meetings held, and not a voice was raised in favor, but everyone in opposition to it, and that opposition is pretty well shared in by both the centre and the south; the only part that is a unit in its favor being the eastern end of the County, which cannot furnish voters enough to carry it through.

In these circumstances we cannot but repeat what we argued upon the Council last week - the desirableness of withdrawing it in its present shape, and endeavoring to get legislation, if we can't do without it, to help us to carry it through in the shape in which it was intended to be put through, & for which every ratepayer in the County would vote, we believe.

Notice: All indebted to the undersigned are hereby required to settle without fail before the 1st day of March, to save further expense. —Geo. Grantham.

Notice: All parties indebted to the undersigned are hereby required to pay their ACCOUNTS before the 18th of FEBRUARY to prevent costs of Court collection. —Wm. McKelvy.

Notice: The party who left a yoke of cattle at Mr. Andrew Mackle Downie's (N28-13-?) is required to prove property, pay expenses and take them away. Their marks are: 1 black ox with white face & white on tail; one red ox with white face & 2 hind feet white. —A. Mackle Downie. ((The type is blurred. The name may be "Mackie")).

Strayed: from the premises of the undersigned about the 1st of October one grey heifer, rising 2 yrs. old. Any information that will lead to her recovery will be thankfully received by —David McConnell, Golden Stream.

Correction: Mr. BLACKMORE never was appointed . . . under the Crown Timber Dept. He was only given blank requisitions to hand to settlers wishing to cut on their own homesteads. —W. R. McLellan, Crown Lands Dept.

Correspondence: "Do Tell": To the Editor of the Gladstone Age: I think Mr. Editor, that it is almost time the "man who wants to know" should take his place in this little town of ours, as he has done in almost every other place that has arrived at the stage of progression that our town & County have now reached. With your permission therefore, Mr. Editor, I propose to propound a few questions for the consideration of yourself & readers of your paper.

Why does not the petition lying in the post office for signature mention the doing away with the assessment commissioners as well as the County Council?

WESTBOURNE JOTTINGS

We had a visit from R. T. Riley, esq., a few days ago in connection with drainage business. Mr. Riley speaks confidently as to the intentions of the drainage company this season, and expects to be up shortly with a surveyor to take levels and generally map out the country through which their work lies next summer.

Mr. McArthur passed out to his timber camp yesterday. A letter reached him at this point from his foreman stating that matters were progressing favorably.

It seems the govt. is determined to press the conditions on which timber limits are let, the outcome of which will be that next summer several mills will have to be built, and lumbering in earnest commenced; or else the parties who hold the limits will forfeit their claims. This is as it should be, and revives the hopes of our people generally in the ultimate prosperity & growth of our Little Burgh.

Propositions have been made to raise a bonus by subscription to offer to a party to put up a grist mill here. We have not the slightest doubt as to the amount of profit which would accrue to anyone investing in this enterprise, as the amount of flour consumed on the lakes north of us would make a good return alone.

((Double Col. Spacing for)):

THE REEVE'S LETTER To The Ratepayers anent the by-law

TO THE EDITOR, OF THE GLADSTONE AGE

SIR: In the last number of your paper you published an act. of a meeting held in Blake Township to discuss the by-law at present before the ratepayers to raise \$10,000 for the purpose of building bridges, digging ditches, etc., and I see that Mr. West states that the by-law carries a falsehood on the facts of it, and therefore expresses an opinion that it ought not be passed by the ratepayers.

Now, Mr. Editor, I think Mr. West is in error in making that statement, as the sum raised would certainly be for the purposes stated in the by-law, although the Council might, for the present, lend it to themselves for general purposes, but their balance sheet at the end of each yr. would have to show the said sum either in CASH or TAXES to the credit of the Municipality over and above all their other assets and liabilities, as a special fund for the purposes mentioned in the by-law, unless, during the preceding year work of the kind had, by special motion of the Council, been paid for out of said fund. It is customary for corporations to lend money from special funds at their disposal, on good security, when not required for that special purpose

at that time. In this case should the Council require money for schools or general purposes, instead of paying expensive interest for advances against taxes, it would surely be wiser to borrow the money from the special fund created by the by-law, on the security of our collectors rolls for which fund interest would only be paid at the rate of 6 p.c., and no expense of sending the Treasurer or any other person to Wpg. every 3 mos. in order to get the money at 12 p.c. Every intelligent ratepayer will see at a glance that this scheme does not carry a falsehood on the face of it, but will save the credit of the Municipality, and a large sum of money to the ratepayers, from which there is no benefit derived by the Municipality, as the law provides for overdue taxes to pay 10 p.c., borrowing money against them at 6 p.c. will be a clear gain of 4 p.c. to all who pay their taxes when due. It may be that this matter has not been shown clearly to some of the ratepayers, but the by-law was fully discussed at the Council board (all members present), and read a second time unanimously; and, I hope that, after reading this explanation, the ratepayers will see it to be both their duty and interest to go to their various Polling Stations on March 1st, and vote for the by-law, as I intend to do at this Polling Station.

A. E. SMALLEY,
Reeve, Mun. of Westbourne.

BRASS BAND

The second of a series of Brass Band variety concerts, in aid of the instrument fund, came off Thursday night, and was well sustained throughout; and the getters-up ought to be pleased with the success of this endeavour to cram such an amount of real fun and enjoyment into the time they did. The playing, singing, acting and dancing were all first-rate, and the good-humored local hitting, of which there was an abundance, was well appreciated, and never failed to bring down the house.

The great excellence of their two programmes hitherto ought to ensure them a large & sympathetic audience on any future efforts. We are sorry we have not space for a more extended notice.

LITERARY SOCIETY

At the Literary Society Tues. night there was the usual large attendance, though punctuality was scarcely the order of the evening. The audience must keep in remembrance that 8 o'clock comes much quicker after it gets dark now, than it did 2 months ago.

Miss Broadfoot left off with a very fine piece of instrumental music, followed by Miss Stalker, who gave a capitally rendered & laughable reading entitled the "Three Lovers."

Mrs. Allen gave a song to her

own accompaniment which was listened to, as it deserved to be, with necks on the stretch.

Dr. Ferric, next gave, with capital effect, "Lochinvar," followed by Mr. Martin, who performed for the first time at the meetings.

The debate ended in a draw.

((Some readers may question the importance of including the longer articles, but it is through the publishing of these that much of the more factual history of the town and district can be set forth.

For truly, these years teemed with history! Great and good things were being attempted, and thwarted by the circumstances of the times. The flood years of '80-'81 were no sooner past than the opportunity of the long-awaited rly. was at hand; and the town had to be incorporated (both in 1882). The boom years came and all looked so rosy . . . then the "bust". Total disarray! Businesses were going broke; farmers were in flight from debts they could not pay. The railway debt proved too much under the circumstances and finally had to be renegeed on. Total ruin, it must have seemed. The town's aspirations to greatness were in the period 1883-1886 dashed completely & left shattered with but little hope of even survival. If this "History of the Ages" continues it will be seen in a year or two, where the town goes 'broke' & even contemplates asking the Municipality to take it back into its arms. But it tottered on, bereft of its standing as a town, no council to guide it, even the education of the school pupils in jeopardy. Things were in a most deplorable state. The late A. G. Williams used to tell of how he, & others, kept the school open year after year by personally soliciting funds from parents and others.

At the helm all thro' these wretched years was Editor Peter Moodie, & John, in their "Age." (A name for the times indeed!). They too, were having a struggle to "stay alive" both business-wise and otherwise. Perhaps they DID live (as the late John McLaren was wont to say, in derisive fashion), on oatmeal porridge "three times a day," but they DID survive, and they DID put out their paper (and a very credible one at that) right through into the good crop year of 1887, & on to the years of prosperity & growth again.

But their fight to guide the town and municipality thro' the dark years called for some pretty expressive editorials, and with political factions as they were in those days, the paper suffered from lack of local support. As the "gay '90's" blossomed the tired "Age" faded, & after Jan. 10th, 1890, the shop was closed. The town was thereafter without a paper until late in 1891).



A View of Morris Avenue before the Fire of Sept. 1928

Above is seen the section of Morris Ave. that was destroyed by fire Monday evening, Sept. 17th, 1928, shortly after the "Back-Home" Week celebrations. These same buildings appeared in the 1889 picture, (January section), but in side-on view. This shows both the Galloway Store (June 1886 to Dec. 1902), and the Moodie Age Office, pretty much as would have appeared in the middle 1880's. This picture probably was taken about 1912 from the 3rd floor balcony of the Alhambra Hotel. The ground floor of the old printing office appears to be vacant, and the verandah on the old Galloway store is gone. Strange to say, but the scene today is not too much different. After the fire Kennedy & Muirhead were back in business almost the next morning, opening up temporary quarters in the office part of Pete Williams Garage (directly across the street) while their new building was being erected. Now it is the Elks' Hall. Hanna's did not rebuild as quickly, but for the winter Sam carried on in a little shack (the waitingroom the town had provided for the river rink), and next year the front portion of the present building (now Foxon's Clothing Store) was put up. It was added to in 1946 by Jack who had taken it over after his return from war duties. The centre spot was rebuilt a little later, but almost in identical size and design as the above. A number of different businesses have occupied it, among them being Lazur's Shoe Shop, Schlamb's Plumbing & Heating, Donaldson's Electric, Hammond's Funeral Services & Gift Shop, Stewart's Sport Centre, and others; and now Mrs. W. D. Laurie's "Books 'N Things".

The background shows some changes over the past 70 years or so. At the left, and looking over the top of the old Peter Ferguson store (of 1883) to be seen first is the Tierney house, bought in 1911 by Mrs. John Ferguson, of Livingstone district as a home for herself, Margaret and 'Crief; and bought from the latter in 1939 by Mr. E. A. Stout who had it modernized. Now it is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Broadfoot. Next is what appears to be the old Presbyterian manse, commented on in last issue (also see other picture in this one). Chris. Fahrni built the round-topped barn (partially hidden by the chimney) in 1904 and it remained as a livery barn until destroyed in a big blaze Xmas week 1943. Next are two small barns, we believe, one behind the other; and another perhaps, partially hiding the McCrae house where father John and son Cliff batched it in the early 1920's before it, too, fell before a fire. Back beyond, and faintly thro' trees, can be seen the Wm. Williams big house, built in 1898. later (about 1912) to become the F. B. McKenzie home, sheltering Bruce, wife and family until recent years when they elected to join the elite in a brand new house on the Crescent. The old Williams house, still very outstanding in appearance, now serves nobly as the Riverside Community Residence (for the handicapped). Next, with smoke coming from the chimney, is the Gas House building, built in 1904; still standing, but looking all its years. The "big" house is the mansion built by A. G. Williams in 1901; later the home of Alex Anderson who bought out the Williams Bros. in 1911; and later again (about 1917) the residence of the E. A. Stout family. In 1939 it was transformed into a hospital serving in that capacity for 12 years; then became the R.C.M.P. barracks for 5 or 6 years. Norm Mayor purchased it and about 1960 replaced it with his modern, ranch-style dwelling. On the extreme right is the Dr. N. V. James (Vet.) bungalow; now the attractive home and grounds of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tough.

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SAT., FEB. 23rd, 1884:

Very blizzardy this week.

Another new daddy!

No Provincial Exhibition will be held this year.

Mr. D. Kerr's daughter, Emily, is, we are sorry to hear, very poorly.

Mrs. Mason has been seriously ill again this week, though now a little better.

John Barleycorn had a high old time here this day week. Give the dumb animals a better show!

A part of the outfit of Mr. McPhillips, D.L.S., arrived by Wednesday's train.

Birth: At Gladstone, Sunday, the 17th inst., the wife of ex-Mayor McGregor, of a son.

Gen. Van Horne, on the part of the C.P.R., agrees to operate the Brandon Southern after it is in satisfactory running order.

Mr. J. A. Best, grainbuyer, went east to Winnipeg today. On his return he will be in a position to do a buying business in oats and barley as well as wheat, which he wishes to come in specially. He will also be prepared to buy beef, pork and furs. A first purchase of the latter commodity he took down with him today.

Mr. Kingwell, of Chicago, has been appointed chief accountant of the M.&N.W. rly., since John Baker resigned. The officials are also planning to have 100 miles more road in operation by the end of next season, which will take them across the Assiniboine river, about the mouth of Shell river.

Mr. John Baker, late accountant of the M.&N.W. rly., was completely, though agreeably, taken by surprise at the Portage Tuesday, in having presented to him by the employees of the M.&N.W. rly. 10 pieces of silverware as a small remembrance of the esteem in which they held their late associate. Conductor Rankine was also presented with a meerschaum pipe and a gold ring.

Messrs. McPhillips and surveyors, who are about to subdivide Lake Dauphin region, ar-

rived by yesterday's train with the rest of their outfit. They will start out just as soon as they get teams and trustworthy guides, or information as to the best route to the scene of their labors.

13 carloads of wheat averaging about 4 to 500 bus. a car, have been shipped from Gladstone station during this month, & three more are ready to follow.

Wanted: 3 or 4 cords of sound, dry wood. Parties can pay their subscription to the paper in wood to the amount asked.

General Superintendent Baker passed through Gladstone yesterday enroute for Birtle.

The fact that the Municipal Council meets next week, instead of the week after, leads us to suppose (though we have no official authority for the statement) that it is for the purpose of withdrawing the by-law in its present unpalatable shape.

((Editorial)): The Manitoba Drainage Co. is promising a vigorous prosecution of their work in Westbourne and Big Grass marshes the incoming season, incited to the promise, no doubt, by the action of the Municipal Council, who have twice made a demand on our executive to be informed of the terms and conditions on which the Company assumed the work. It is to be hoped their performance will keep pace with their promise, for it is high time that something was done to put our County into a position to catch more of the immigration into this country than it has done for a few years back. We don't believe in repudiating engagements or breaking bargains; yet, since it is in the interest of the County that a speedy and compatible effort should be put forth to reclaim these lands, if the Company is not fulfilling their part of the bargain (and it looks very much that way inasmuch as they have allowed two magnificent seasons for that kind of work to be frittered away, doing next to nothing), let the County itself assume the responsibility of draining these lands, which are among the best it has, and let it reap the advantage, because there is both a good cash return and a chance for the thicker settlement in the spending of a few thousand dollars of our own money in the work, and this is eminently a case of the sooner the better.

PUBLIC MEETING

The Gladstone meeting to take into consideration the \$10,000 by-law was fairly attended. Both the Warden of the County & the Reeve of the Municipality were present besides Couns. Ferguson & Poole; Mayor Claxton & Couns. Logie & Andrews of the town being present. There was a great deal of earnest discussion, extremely little of it being of an acrimonious nature. The reeve explained fully the reasons that led the Council to submit their by-law, and complained of the change of front of some of the councillors now in regard to it.

His reasons were further enlarged on by Treasurer Morton, who gave a very lucid statement of financial affairs of the municipality, all through its existence.

While a great many were inclined to take exception to the time during which the loan was to run, & accordingly felt it to be their duty to oppose it in that shape, all were agreed as to the necessity of raising the \$10,000 by the debentures to keep our credit good, and to save the great waste by borrowing at such ruinous interest, and would gladly assist in helping the by-law thro' should the time for repayment be restricted to three years. The following motion was accordingly unanimously carried: "That this meeting urge upon the Municipal council the advisableness of withdrawing the by-law in its present shape and substituting another, limiting the time of paying the loan to three years, which this meeting will gladly vote for and use its influence to help pass."

At the conclusion of the meeting a letter was read from the secretary of the Winnipeg series of Hudson's Bay meetings, asking for the endorsement by our municipality of a resolution which had been unanimously carried at Winnipeg.

The resolution, which was as follows, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously:

"Whereas the people of Manitoba are unanimously of opinion that the future success & prosperity of the country in a very great measure, depends on the construction of a line of railway to the tide waters of the Hudsons Bay, with such branch lines as may become necessary for the transportation of agricultural products of the country to the markets of Europe; and,

Whereas the unanimous opinion of the people in that province should be placed in a position to enable her to materially assist in the construction of such railway as a provincial line in such a way as to prevent it from falling into, or becoming part of, any monopoly of railway lines or companies; be it therefore,

Resolved: that the best inter-

ests and prosperity of the province of Manitoba require that her present boundaries should be extended to the 60th parallel north, and that all the public lands within the boundaries of the province so extended remaining undisposed of at the time of such extension, should become the property of the province of Manitoba."

Dr. Orton proposes to start farmers' banks in the security of the lands, whereby farmers can borrow money at 5 p.c. interest instead of at the present 10 or 12. Sir John A. asked that the matter be referred to the banking & commercial committee, who could appoint a sub-committee report as desired.

A very able and exhaustive lecture in favor of the Hudson's Bay route was given at Selkirk last week by Mr. Adrian Nelson, who spoke from actual observation.

LAKESIDE

To The Editor,
Of The Gladstone Age:

Sir: It is a long time since you heard from your correspondent from this quarter. I suppose you will think we are stormed in, starved out, or that some of the other grievances, so bitterly complained of, had befallen us. Thank God, we have not fallen heir to any of the above grievances, but we know how to sympathize with those who have had such a poor remuneration for their season's labor, on account of the early frost, although it passed us by unharmed.

This section of the country is being well settled, and is fast approaching to what the majority of the settlers have been striving to make it, viz., a comfortable home for themselves and families with a means of supplying education to children at home. The first they already possess, the second they are in a favorable way of possessing as our schoolhouse will soon be under construction under the management of — Lackey, to whom the contract has been let.

We are busily engaged getting in our supply of wood and hay (neither of which we have far to bring) and attending the cattle, of which there are quite a few in the settlement. This winter, roads are kept well broke by the men of the plains drawing hay and wood, some of which is hauled upwards of 20 miles. Our summer roads are also getting tolerably good thanks to some of the men for their never-failing energy, and the assistance of Mr. Smalley, of the Westbourne County Council, who has put his shoulder to the wheel in our behalf.

We do have English church service occasionally. The Rev.

Mr. Cook held morning service at Mr. Wellwood's to a crowded house the 27th January. We will be glad to see him again at any time that it is convenient for him to come.

Times seem dull this winter, but we cannot complain up here, for, when our spirits get down we have two new settlers Messrs. W. H. Taylor & H. H. West, who are ever ready and willing to cheer us up with their music, for they are splendid fellows.

From your correspondent, J.J. L., Lakeside, Feb. 9, 1884.

LITERARY SOCIETY

The Literary Society's meeting on Tuesday night was as usual very largely attended. The president informed members that he had received no communication from the Portage Literary Soc. up to date re the friendly debate.

Election of new officers next took place. Mr. Best was elected president; Mr. J. J. Herron, ex-president, was elected secretary; Misses Stalker & McGinnis, and Messrs. Bailey & P. H. Moodie were made the managing com; and Rev. Mr. Allen was appointed, critic.

Mrs. L. Dunning led off the

programme with a very sweet song to Mrs. Allen's accompaniment.

A very pleasant duty was next ably performed by Mr. Bailey, who, in name of the Society, presented Mr. J. J. Herron, late president, with a very handsome bible as a small token of their appreciation of his great exertions in behalf of the society. Mr. Herron made a suitable reply.

A solo by Mrs. Poole, played in her excellent style, tempted the audience to ask another instant, which they got after a while.

The debate, "Resolved that a monarchical form of govt. is preferable to a republican," followed with Messrs. Rintoul & Moodie in the affirmative and Dr. Ferrer & Bailey in the negative. The judges gave the decision to the negative.

Rev. Mr. Allen performed the delicate task of critic in a very discriminating and kindly way.

Another well-rendered instrumental solo by Mrs. Poole closed the proceedings.

A spicy programme is being prepared for next Tuesday evening including the long-promised dialogue entitled the "Photograph Gallery".



Gladstone In The Moking — 1872

The names of the people chiefly comprising the party are: Peter Ferguson, Sr. Peter Ferguson, Jr., wife and family; Miss Ward, sister of Mrs. Ferguson, Jr.; Jas. Broadfoot; Donald Ferguson; Alex. Ferguson; P. H. Moodie; Geo. Alcock & W. H. Alcock. The horses in the foreground (team) belonged to P. Ferguson, Sr.; team at rear to P. Ferguson, Jr.; team at left is that of Jas. Broadfoot who stands with right hand extended to front of wagon. — The group had left the town of Brussels in Huron County, Ont., in May 1872. Arriving at the end of the steel in Minnesota they took to their wagons to finish their journey to Fort Garry, and finally to the new settlement of Palestine. Geo. Alcock & Donald Ferguson (also John Ferguson) had pioneered their way out the yr. previous but had returned for the winter. Likewise did Jas. Broadfoot after selecting his home, returning in the spring of 1873 with his family. — Peter Moodie (joined a yr. later by Bro. John) had come from Scotland several yrs. previous, & having made the acquaintanceship of the Broadfoot & Ferguson families, accom. them. In 1883 the Moodies started the Glad. Age which endured as the locally published paper for over 35 years. (This picture shows the group at the corner of Portage & Main, Wpg., as they prepared to leave for Palestine a June day in 1872. Identification of the pioneers involved was given to authorities by the late Peter Broadfoot Nov. 1 1938 when he recognized the team of Peter Ferguson Sr., his



Another View of Gladstone in the 1880s; (One of the Logie Pictures).

It is well to feature as many pictures as possible of the "Moodie Years" in order to help readers get a "picture" of the town as it was before the "Gay 90s." The panoramic view of the south-west section of the town shows the west side of Morris (south of Dennis), and the south side of Dennis west about a block. The picture is a good one for our purpose, and probably was taken the same day as the one of Morris featured last issue. Also, we now have found a date for them. In the July 26, 1889, issue of the "Age" the editor of the day records: "The photographer has come to town. His tent is pitched in the vacant lot next to the post office." The enlargement of the portion from the Revere House west brings out the sign "PHOTOGRAPHER" on the bldg. that still retained the name "Drug Store" up front. It is of interest to note that in the Logie picture featured in the 1912 Supplement to the "Glory Years," that the tent is plainly visible, but the sign is not. This latter could indicate two separate visits; or just that the photographer had his sign out one day and not the next.

Going south from the Revere House (a landmark from 1881 to 1938) we see the stable belonging to that hostelry. In the write-up last issue we mistook the peaked roof of this bldg. for the house that shows next to it here - the Rev. Garton's - and as stated, still very much a part of the scene. Between the stable and the house is the B. B. Williscroft dwelling, existing up to very recent years. Next south of the Garton house, and back from Morris a ways, is the old log Presbyterian church destroyed by a wind and hailstorm in July, 1893; the new sheds are visible at the back. The two houses shown at the extreme left are still serving in that capacity; the distant one, on the corner of Cameron & Louise; and closer up, a partial view of the manse, alluded to in last issue.

West on Dennis: The portion of the Revere House, with the many small, longitudinal windows, was used as a general store by various merchants; among them being Sloan Schooley, who on his advent to Gladstone early in 1885, bought out Mr. Best; and in late 1888 moved "uptown" as mentioned in last issue. Who occupied the next building west is not known, but apparently is located just west of the J. L. Logie lots (house hidden by Revere). When young Jack Logie opened up as a pharmacist in the early 1900s this may have been his Red Cross Pharmacy. And later still, the photo studio of Cyril Jessop in whose occupancy it was when destroyed by fire in Nov. 1920. The Bank of Montreal built the present building on the same location in 1932. A close look at the next building reveals that postmaster Edwin Rose had not removed Dr. Ferrier's old "Drug Store" sign up front though he had occupied the building since April 1888. More easily read is the large word "Photographer" on the side. This building was burned in 1903 and rebuilt on the same foundation, according to the late Bob Wilson, who as young lad lived alongside the post office and witnessed the blaze. Some time after Mr. Rose's death in 1914 (and Mr. Schooley becoming postmaster), it was used as the Tel. Exchange building, later the Medical Clinic, and now the Fabric Shop of Mr. and Mrs. Rink. The next building west in the picture has never been identified, though the top of it is visible over the first Galloway store in the Logie picture mentioned above.